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Driver Charged in Hit-and-Run Death of Scooter Rider

A Utah man was charged today in the hit-and-run death of an electric scooter rider over the weekend in Hollywood, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Jared Walter Anderson (dob 1/2/93) of Enoch, Utah, faces one felony count each of murder, vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence, gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated, hit-and-run driving resulting in death to another person with allegations of causing great bodily injury, and fleeing a pursuing peace officer's motor vehicle causing death. The charges in case BA477035 include an allegation that the defendant had a prior conviction of driving under the influence in Utah.

He is expected to be arraigned this afternoon in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

In the early morning of April 13, Anderson allegedly was driving his pickup truck when he failed to yield to oncoming traffic at Vine Street and Sunset Boulevard, prosecutors said. He is accused of hitting Evan Dyer Faram, 31, of Dallas, who was riding a scooter in a marked crosswalk on Vine, and then running over the victim while fleeing police.

The defendant allegedly drove against traffic, failing to stop at traffic signals and stop lights, until he finally crashed his pickup in a residential area and was arrested, prosecutors said.

The victim died from his injuries at a hospital.

Anderson faces a possible maximum sentence of 11 years plus 15 years to life in state prison if convicted as charged. Prosecutors are requesting that bail be set at \$2 million.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department, West Traffic Division.

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